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FIELD OPERATIONS.
The Field Operations which were to take place on Friday, the 22nd instant, are postponed.

PARADES.

Thursday, 1st instant.—
"A" and "B" Cos. including Signaling Section and Machine Gun Section on the road outside the Law Courts at 4.45 p.m.

Kowloon and Tai Kok Sections at Pervival Street at 3 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 6 p.m. under Instructor Q.M. Sergt. Talbot. Dress: Drill order.

STRENGHT.

Pte. F. Austin is permitted to resign.
Pte. F. W. White is permitted to resign.

MAMMOTH CASUALTIES.

Mr. Frederick Palmer, the representative of American newspapers on the West front, who arrived at New York on November 17 stated:—"The Somme battle is the greatest of the war. It surpasses that of Verdun in intensity and in casualties. The battle here will continue as long as the war, perhaps for two or three years." As many as 6,000 British, French and German guns have been in action on the same day. There have been 150,000 casualties in 24 hours, while 1,600,000 men have been hit since the Somme offensive began. Next summer the British will be prepared to lose a million men, if necessary. Then they will have twice their present gun power." Discussing the question of the end of the war Mr. Palmer said:—"I only know that next year will be bloodier than this. I have talked with Generals Haig, Joffre, and Rawlinson, besides Generals Nivelle and Mangin, who planned the attacks which recovered Douamont and Vaux, and their idea is the same. I found everywhere the determination to fight to the finish. I am certain that the Allies will be victorious."

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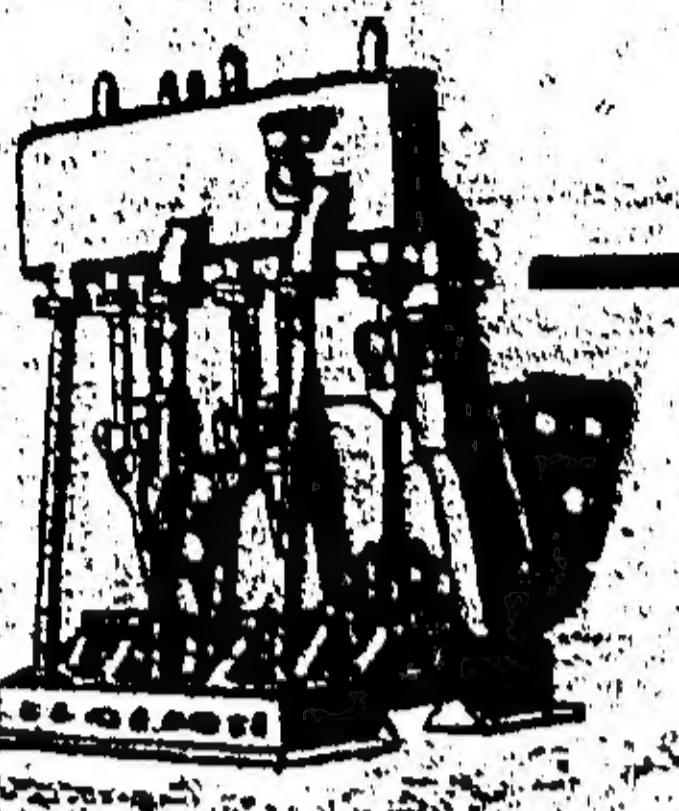
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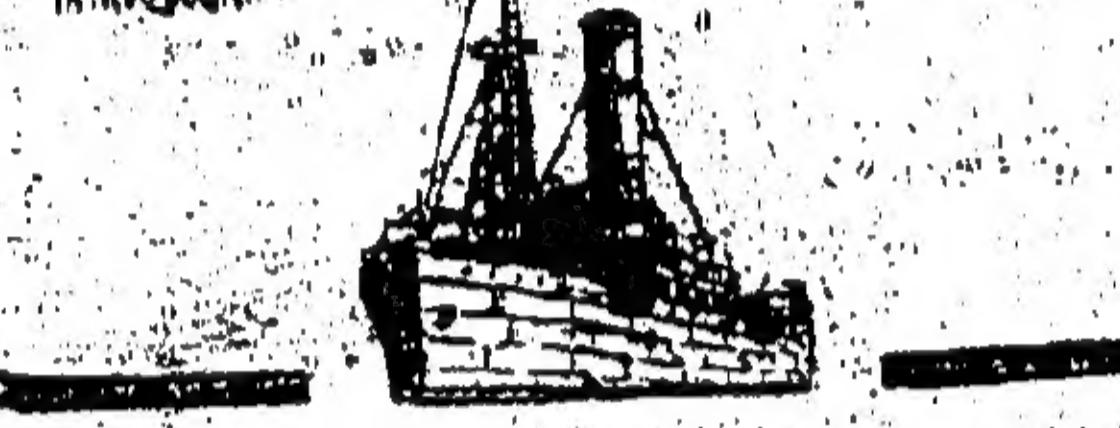


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Manager.

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MONDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

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10 P.M. HEUNGSHAN 5 P.M. KINSHAN

TUESDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

8 A.M. KINSHAN 8 A.M. FAIRSHAN

10 P.M. FAIRSHAN 5 P.M. HUNGSHAN

Single Fare by Night Steamer \$1.00

Return Fare by Night (available also for Return by Day Steamer) 11.00

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Return Fare by Day Steamer 9.00

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "TAISHAN" TUES 20th 8.5. "SUL TAI" TUES 18th

WEEK days at 8 A.M. and 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

Sundays, at 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

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WEEK days at 7.30 A.M. and 1 P.M. Sundays at 7.30 A.M. and 1 P.M.

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SUNDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

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will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 8 A.M. and return from Macao at 3 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 1 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the demand for Electricity has almost reached the limit of the capacity of the present Generating Plant, and as a result, further application for new connections will be accepted as from 1st January next, upon completion of the New Power Station at North Point. It was fully expected that the North Point Station would have been completed and running before now, but owing to the War work in respect of the new plant has been considerably delayed.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents,
Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1916. 1334

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from 14th October, the interest accrued
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G. TISDALE,
Manager,
RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK
Hongkong, Nov. 7, 1916. 1323

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TUESDAY,
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Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,A Number of Lots of
JEWELLERY, WATCHES,
etc., &c.Comprising—
Gold Watches, Gold Chains, Tie Pins,
Jade and Diamond Rings, Brooches and
Charmes, &c.A quantity of Silver Ware, Cups, Vases,
etc., &c.
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Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Dec. 9, 1916. 1337

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TUESDAY,
the 19th December, 1916, commencing
at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE,
etc., &c.As Follows—
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comprising Double Brass-mounted Bed-
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Sideboards, Dining Wagons, Extension
Dining Tables and Chairs, Tea and
Occasional Tables, etc., etc., Dining
Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking
Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Set, etc., Bath
Room Utensils, Large Roll-top Desk
and Writing Tables, etc., Sundry Electro
Plated Ware.Piano in good condition (by Carl
Strauss), Electric Reading Lamps, Black-
wood and Teakwood Screens, a quantity
of Blackwood Furniture, Pictures
Engravings, &c., Large Magic Lantern,
etc.Gent's Bicycle (new), Oliver Type
writer, Tennis Rackets and Netting, Air
Gun, etc., etc., Brass, Finger Bowls,
Carpeta (new and second hand), Child's
Cots, etc.(Full Particulars from Catalogue)
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916. 1338

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
the 20th and 21st December, 1916,
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CURIOS, &c., &c.Comprising—
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the Sung and Ming Dynasties, Porcelains
Clouisonne, Snuff Bottles, Mandarin
Plumes, and Beads (Amber and Jet),
Carved Bamboo Ware, Old
Sectchow Lacquer Boxes, Silk Embroider-
ies, Kakejiku and Wall Hangings,
Jadeations and Ivory Carvings, etc., &c.,
&c.The greater part of the above
has recently arrived from Fukien,
Kiangsu, and includes pieces from the
Ming, K'anghi, Yungching, K'ienlung,
K'iaoching and T'ienlung Periods.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue)

On view from Tuesday 19th till
Thursday 21st December, 1916.

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Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916. 1339

AUCTIONS.

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FRIDAY,

the 23rd December, 1916, commencing
at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

Comprising—

Carpets and Rugs, Sideboards, Dinner
Wagons, etc., Dining Tables and Chairs,
Chesnut-wood Sofas, Arm-chairs, Es-
tackwood Twin Beds, Wardrobes and
Toilet Tables, Double and Single Brass-
mounted Bedsteads, etc., Miscellaneous
Furniture, Blackwood Ware, Pictures, a few
lot Portefeuilles, etc., Pantry, Bath Room
and Kitchen Utensils,

etc., etc., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue)

TERMS—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916. 1338

THE WAR.

[CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6.]

SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, Dec. 16.

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LATER.

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a new proof that the enemy is weaken-
ing. Germany's action is regarded as
hypocritical. Not counting success-
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shift the responsibility of the war on to
others. The resolution expresses the
conviction that a premature peace
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Germany's definite renunciation of the
aspirations rendering her blameable for
the present struggle.

THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS.

PARIS, Dec. 16.

A communiqué says—

After several days of artillery pro-
paration, we attacked the enemy, in
the morning, north of Douaumont, be-
tween the Meuse and Vesvre, on a
front exceeding ten kilometres.The enemy front was everywhere
pierced to a depth of three kilometres.We captured, besides numerous trench-
es, the village of Vacheresse and
L'ouvement and the farms Cham-
ettes, Wœrth, Lardmont and Bœr-
voux.We have not counted all the prisoners,
but 7,500, including 200 officers, have
already passed the collecting stations.We took or destroyed numerous
guns, including heavy field pieces and
trench guns, besides a great quantity of
material.Notwithstanding the unfavourable
weather the Air Service, brilliantly par-
ticipated in the success, which was
complete. The troops are displaying
the greatest enthusiasm. Our losses
were slight.THE BRITISH ARMY AND
THE OFFER.

PARIS, Dec. 16.

Deciding the manner in which Dr.
von Bethmann-Hollweg's statement was
received at the front, Reuters' cor-
respondent at Headquarters states that
in many cases, the earliest intimation to
the first line trenchers came from the
German side, where messages were
chalked on, board-quoting the Kaiser's
grandiloquent Army Order. The
messages were received with scepticism and
sarcasm. Later they monopolised
conversations.Reuters' correspondent, summarizing
the views of the officers and men, says
that not one was confident that the pro-
posals would lead to peace. The speech
was interpreted as an admission that the
German war for peace had on
impossible terms. The troops believe
that the terrible hammering the enemy
have received, and are about to receive,
on the Somme is the governing factor in
the proposals.The correspondent declares that there
would be the most profound indignation
if another to cease hostilities were given
on any other conditions than those which
would be tantamount to the German
admission of coming defeat.

FURTHER PROGRESS.

PARIS, Dec. 17.

A communiqué states—

Following up our success on the
right of the Meuse, we progressed in
the afternoon to the village of Bezon-Vesvre. A violent
German attack at Pepper Hill at the
close of yesterday was decisively repulsed. We maintained the whole
of our new front.Prisoners are flowing in. Up till
now they exceed 9,000, including 250
officers. The material which fell into
our hands is still uncounted, but 81
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undermentioned cargo will be sold on
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Kowloon Wharf and Godown Coy, Ltd.,

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100 cases of Black Plates.

10 cases of Lacing Hooks for Boots
and Shoes.The Te-Kwa-Wan cargo will be on
view from Monday the 25th inst., and
inspecting orders for the cargo at the
Wharf & Godown Coy's premises may be
obtained from the undersigned.Launch to convey intending purchasers
will leave Blaik Pier on the morning of
the 27th at 10.30 a.m.

TERMS—As usual.

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Incandescent Petrol Lamps and
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Mooring Buoy.A number of locomotive wheels and
axles.Furniture, particularly may be obtained
from the undersigned.

TERMS—As usual.

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THE PEACE OFFER.

RUSSIAN REPUDIATION.

PROOF THAT THE ENEMY IS
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GREECE.

GREEK GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS.

PARIS, Dec. 16.

The Greek Government has accepted

the ultimatum in its entirety.

STATEMENT OF THE DEMANDS.

PARIS, Dec. 16.

The Allied ultimatum pointed out
that events conclusively proved that
neither the King nor the Government
had sufficient control of the army to
prevent it becoming a menace to peace
and to the security of the Allied armies
in Macedonia. Therefore the Allies
were obliged to demand the carrying
out of the movements of the troops and
material indicated in an earlier message.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

SERBIANS FIERCELY ENGAGED.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

A Serbian message states that there
is fierce fighting north of Budimir.BULGARIAN "FRIGHTFULNESS"
AT MONASTIR.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

A Serbian communiqué states that the
Bulgarians, without military necessity,
are bombing Monastir, killing civilians.

A BULGARIAN SUCCESS.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

A Bulgarian communiqué announces
that Petesti has been occupied.

AMERICA EXPRESSES NO OPINION.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

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A WISH has been expressed by many of those who attended the Services and Addresses last week that they would like to subscribe to the expense of the Mission.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. M. Humphreys, 13 Queen's Road, will be pleased to receive any further donations from any who have not subscribed and wish to do so.

Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1916. 1343

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THE DIARY

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

9 a.m.—"Kismet" at the Theatre Royal.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—Auction of Xmas Toys at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

11 a.m.—Auction of Jewellery, Watches etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.—Prince George's birthday (1902).

9.30 a.m.—Auction of Xmas Toys and Crackers at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

4.30 p.m.—Matinee Performance of "Kismet".

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.—Tennis, Dec. 21.—2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain, Embroideries, Curios etc. at Old Post Office Building.

THURSDAY, Dec. 21.—4.30 p.m.—Hockey Match on U.S.R.C. ground; Volunteers v. R.G.A.

5.15 p.m.—Lecture at Government House by Capt. Pellett.

FRIDAY, Dec. 22.—11 a.m.—Meeting of the Licensing Board.

SATURDAY, Dec. 23.—3 p.m.—Extra Performance of "Kismet".

SAT. 23, SUN. 24 & MON. Dec. 25.—Boat Competition at Fanling.

SUNDAY, Dec. 24.—9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by "Tulip".

MONDAY, Dec. 25.—Public Holiday.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26.—Public Holiday.

10 a.m.—"Winter "Bisley" at Stonecutters'.

10 a.m.—Mixed Foursome Competition at Fording.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27.—11 a.m.—Auction of Silver Caravans etc. "Wesley" at the Old Kowloon Clocks.

THURSDAY, Dec. 28.—4.30 p.m.—Hockey Match on U.S.R.C. ground; Volunteers v. 74th Punjabis.

resolutions passed in the Duma and the French Chamber of Deputies and the expressions of opinion given by responsible ministers in all the interested countries can leave no doubt as to what the answer of the Entente will be. The disappointment caused by the unanimous rejection of the peace offer by the Allies we may be sure, will be great in all the countries forming the Central Alliance, and what prospect there is of a collapse through internal discontent, which there is every reason to believe has been stifled by false hopes of an early victory, will probably soon be more plainly revealed when the people realise by the contemptuous rejection of the peace offer how grievously they have been deceived.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Mr. W. G. Lay, Commissioner of Customs at Swatow, and Mrs. Lay arrived yesterday by the a.s. *Hai Heng*.

Four dumped cases of small pos were found yesterday by the Police, two being in the Central and two in the Water Police district.

Thirteen subscription griffins which arrived per a.s. *Swatow* are to be drawn for to-day at the Jockey Club's Causeway Bay Stables at 5 p.m.

The captain of the a.s. *Hanyang* on arrival from Shanghai yesterday reported having found a suffocated Chinaman in a coal bunker.

While standing on a chair on the first floor verandah of 2 Wing Kut, a Chinese, aged 26 years, son of the manager of the shop, fell to the street and died from injuries received.

Telegraphic news was received by the Hongkong Police on Saturday that A. L. S. Gardner, who joined up the Home Forces while on leave, was killed on December 4th in an aeroplane accident.

Attention is drawn to the alteration of the launch service for the "Winter Bisley" meeting at Stonecutters' on Boxing Day. The launches will leave Hongkong from Murray Pier. The advertisement will be found on page 4.

The Hongkong A.D.C. gave their second performance of "Kismet" before a crowded and delighted audience at the Theatre on Saturday night. At the end of the curtain in response to an enthusiastic call Mr. C. H. P. Hay was unceremoniously pushed before the curtain to acknowledge a well deserved tribute to his superb acting. It will redound all the more to the credit of the producer and to the leading actors when we mention that neither Mr. Sinclair nor Mr. Hay had had the benefit of seeing the play acted before, so that their work is original. A matinee performance will be given on Wednesday at 4.30 p.m. and another evening performance on Saturday next at 9 p.m.

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The jurors were:—Messrs. E. E. Abney (foreman), F. A. Perry, J. A. Hunter, J. H. Simmonds, J. C. England, C. W. Olson, and R. A. Philip Drude.

INDO-CHINA AND THE WAR.

The great yearly Council of the

Government of Indo-China took place recently in Saigon, under the presidency of Mr. E. Charles, the Acting Governor.

All the principal civil and military authorities of the Colony were present. Opening the session, Mr. Charles (says the "Singapore Free Press") explained the policy of the local Government which had been to assure tranquillity in the Colony, and give to France all men, material and credit which could be spared. The first part of the programme had been satisfactorily realized, and the disorders which had burst out now and then in Annam and Cambodia were only superficial, the organizers of rebellion meeting with no sympathy from the native population. The Government had had to depose the King of Annam, a bare-brained youth, who, in company with his father Thanh Thai was Mr. Charles said, now on his way to the island of Reunion, where they were sent in exile. And not only had tranquillity been maintained in every possible way, all the French troops which were not strictly necessary had been sent back to the front. Over 60,000 Annamites and Cambodians according to Mr. Charles were already in France, where they were proving so useful that the Department of War insisted on the continuation of the remitting. The financial contribution of Indo-China to the war had been also very important. The total of subscriptions to the Fund of Secours National reached 2,500,000 francs; the subscriptions of the Colony to the several French War Loans amounted to nearly 60 million francs. On the other hand the Colony had paid already 4,200,000 francs for caravans, and the local Government had just promised to supply for the use of powder factories another

caravans and 30,000 tons of mazza and 30,000 tons of rice, valued at 7,500,000 francs to be charged to the budget of the Colony.

At the end of his speech Mr. Charles announced that restrictive measures would be put on the sale of opium, the gradual suppression of which had been decided on by the Government of Indo-China.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

UNINVITED VISITORS.

Five men broke into a house at Wong-nai-sheung village on Saturday night. An alarm was raised and one man, who appeared before the Court this morning, was arrested when attempting to escape. The other four men got away. A remand was granted.

STOLEN WALKING STICKS.

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ONE SESSIONS CASE.

GANG ROBBERY AT KOWLOON OLD CITY.

The December calendar at the Criminal Sessions this morning contained only one indictment—robbery by two or more against three Chinese coolies. The case occupied the attention of the Magistrate in the Court below last week. Originally there were four defendants and one employed by the Hon. Mr. Claud Seaver, at 132 The Peak, was dis-

charged for lack of evidence. One of the remaining coolies was proved to have been one of the Hon. Mr. Sharp's private chair coolies and he

appeared before the Chief Justice with a coolie from To-kwa-wan and a public chair coolie on the indictment mentioned.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. G. H. Wakeman, prosecuted. Prisoners were not represented and pleaded not guilty.

The case against the prisoners was

that on December 2nd they and others entered a house in the Kowloon Old City, occupied by a middle-aged woman and her baby daughter. They pointed a knife at her, threatening her, and insisted on her not making a noise. Some of the men carried iron bars. Property was

stolen away. Acting on information the Police made several arrests, the coolies employed at the Peak being arrested in their quarters. Most of the stolen property was recovered with the aid of a large number of pawn tickets, found on the defendants and at their quarters.

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It took three hours to bring round Wills and while bringing him to the surface the relief party got jammed on the steps and enveloped in the sulphur fumes. The second mate with the aid of a smoke helmet worked exceedingly hard bringing up the stricken officers. Chief Engineer Crochart, who went down with a line, also collapsed and was unconscious for twenty minutes. Atkinson was so bad that he was taken to Kuala Lumpur hospital. He was in convulsions all night and died on Wednesday morning. He and Nicholas shared the same cabin and with them the Clayton apparatus for pumping sulphur fumes into the burning hold turned on. Next to the hold were the provisions chambers, or cold storage, and on Sunday afternoon the steward, named Wills, and a carpenter named Nicholas went down into the chambers. The deadly fumes had penetrated into them and the two men had only just gone down when Nicholas came running up to inform the Chief Officer who was just above that Wills had gone down. 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THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE CERTAINTY OF VICTORY.

GENERAL NIVELLE'S ASSURANCE.

PARIS, Dec. 17. General Nivelle (Generalissimo on the Western Front) accompanied by General Petain, witnessed the victory crowning his command of the Verdun army.

Taking farewell of the Staff in the evening General Nivelle said: "To-day's experience is conclusive. Our method has again tested and demonstrated our ascendancy over the enemy. Victory is certain. I assure you of it. Germany will learn it to her cost."

MINOR OPERATIONS ON FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 15. A communiqué states:—An enemy minor reconnaissance in Champagne was scattered.

There were only patrol encounters on the right of the Meuse.

An enemy attack on trenches in the St. Mihiel sector failed.

A GERMAN ANNOUNCEMENT.

London, Dec. 17. A Berlin communiqué states:—Continuing their attack the French have occupied Bezon Wood westward.

ENEMY'S PROGRESS IN RUMANIA.

RESISTANCE EXPECTED IN DOBRUDJA.

London, Dec. 17. A Berlin communiqué states that General Mackensen crossed the Buzkul sector on a broad front and captured considerable rolling stock.

It adds: We pursued the enemy in Dobrudja to the region of the wooded district northward, where resistance is expected.

NEW PEERAGES.

London, Dec. 17. The Rt. Hon. C. B. Stuart-Wortley, M.P. (U.), and Sir W. M. Aitkin, M.P. (U.), have been elevated to the Peerage.

Their probable successors in the House of Commons will be Sir Albert Stanley (the new President of the Board of Trade) and Professor E. A. L. Fisher (President of the Board of Education).

AUSTRIA'S LOSSES IN MEN.

DEVELOPMENT OF ARMAMENTS.

A semi-official communiqué issued in Rome says: To compensate for the continued impoisoning of the ranks, the Austrian General Staff have been progressively developing their armaments. Since the beginning of the war Austro-Hungarian medium and heavy artillery has been doubled and the light artillery increased by at least 25 per cent. There has moreover, been a considerable increase of machine guns and trench artillery. This enormous development has only been rendered possible by the large number of friends and private factories assisting. It is calculated that at the present time in all of them not less than 500,000 militarized workmen, not counting others, are employed.

The principal arsenals and factories existing at the commencement of the war were at Vienna, Wollersdorf, Blumau, Budapest, Plzen, Prostz, Ferlach, Fomitz, Hofenperk, Kapfenberg, Flums, Ratis, and many others have since been added. Germany also provided a large increase, especially in ammunition, steel for the manufacture of guns, and also apparently of the finished article.

HEAVY PRICE FOR VANITY.

A fine of £60, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, was passed at Marylebone Police-court, Woolwich, on Henry Eric Vane-Hamilton, Beaumont, a member of Queen's Guard, Baywater, who was charged with wearing a naval uniform and decorations without authority. A representative of the Admiralty stated that he had held a temporary commission as a Sub-Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R. and had served in Gallipoli, but his commission terminated in May last, and since then he had not been entitled to wear any naval uniform. The magistrate accepted the view of the accused's counsel that he had worn the uniform to gratify his vanity and not for the purpose of fraud.

THE GREEK SITUATION.

GREEK EVACUATION OF NORTHERN GREECE BEGUN.

PIREUS, Dec. 17. The Greek evacuation of northern Greece has already begun, Allied officers supervising the transport of troops and material.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH OFFENSIVE AT VERDUM.

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BATTLE.

London, Dec. 17. Reuter's correspondent at Verdun writing on the 16th inst. says:—I witnessed the battle. It was a clear winter morning. The battlefield was soaked with many weeks' rain, and the ground was in a condition to prove most exhausting for infantry. In front of me was the long whale-backed line on Pepper Hill height, 335 metres in length, and on the right of it was the flat, battered crest of Douaumont, on which huge German shells were bursting. Between Pepper Hill and Froideterre Ridge, of which Douaumont is the highest point, stood out the ridge of Louvemont, which no one expected to be captured to-day. The attack on Pepper Hill was carried out with the characteristic of the new French battle tactics.

The French infantry rushed on with absolute confidence, advancing on the very edge of their artillery barrage. As they crossed to the German trench one saw clearly, as at a training demonstration, from the rear, an unbroken line of milky smoke-bursts, marking the "grenade" barrage by which the infantry sought to smother the enemy resistance before leaping on him at close quarters. Moving bands of fire and flying steel moved steadily up the great shoulder of the hill, unchecked by the Boches. Where one line was smoke-blocked another crept up on the left or right, and soon the whole line would be reprogressing. In an hour the German barrage had retreated to the far side of the crest, and in less than two hours the whole position was captured. By midnight 1,200 prisoners and a number of guns had been taken here.

Already other lines of smoke were launched from Douaumont, which was continuously smoking like a volcano under German shell-bursts, and from Froideterre. Climbing up the face of the Louvemont Height by a similar swoop the French troops captured Bezonvau Work.

It was a glorious day for the aviators, who, flying low over the advancing lines, were returning with exact information of the progress of the attack and pursuing and machine-gunning the fleeing Boches at a height of 600 feet.

The German air service was apparently paralyzed. Reuter's correspondent was four hours in the field and did not see a single enemy aeroplane. The victory is strategically important, depriving the enemy of most valuable observation posts.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Paris, Dec. 17. An Eye-witness of the fighting at Verdun says that the ground won on the 24th October was so broken that it had to be transformed into a workshop to construct 30 miles of road necessary for the next offensive. The artillery was brought close to the line with the object of regulating the fighting. The weather further delayed the attack, but it cleared after a night of rain and snow. Our guns silenced the enemy artillery an hour before the attack. We destroyed the villages of Vauchemauve, Louvemont, Work, Hirschau, and Bezonvau. The last-mentioned was almost empty. Seven deserters appeared at our lines on the eve of the attack, the remnant of a German company. Unprecedented rapidity and enthusiasm characterised the movements of our infantry, and obstacles like mines were cleared in the "swiftest manner." All our objects were attained by the hour fixed. The Germans must have felt the loss of the attack, as to the point of attack. They certainly expected it on the left side of the Meuse, as it was there they chiefly bargained.

THE BEST REPLY TO PEACE PROPOSALS.

London, Dec. 16. The success of the great new French offensive at Verdun is hailed with enthusiasm as the best reply to the German peace proposals. It is General Nivelle's first blow since he was appointed Generalissimo and surpasses his surprise victory at Verdun on October 24th when he recaptured Fort Douaumont. The French line now everywhere reaches the German line of February 28th, after the first German success. It reaches further at several points towards the original line of February 20th when the great battle began.

The important British successes on the Tigris are also heartening. Railways have been laid down and river transport accumulated since the fall of Kut and it is hoped that General Haig will be able to advance with more adequate communications than his predecessor.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

London, Dec. 17. General Sir Douglas Haig in a communiqué says:—A small enemy bombing party was caught by our barrage last night to the north of Hill 60 on the Ypres salient.

We bombed trenches to the north of Hulluch and to the east of Neuve Chapelle.

BRITISH ACTIVITY IN MESOPOTAMIA.

London, Dec. 15. An official report from Mesopotamia states:—

Our forces, advancing northwards on both banks of the river Tigris, have established an outpost within three-quarters of a mile of the Tigris to the south of Kut.

THE FATE OF CAPTAIN BLAIEKIE.

STATEMENT BY SIR EDWARD CARSON.

London, Dec. 17. Many representations are being made to the Government urging them to take steps to prevent Captain Blaikie sharing the fate of Captain Fryatt.

Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, has telegraphed, the Navy League expressing entire sympathy with their views, and stating that the question must be faced with earnestness and determination.

A RISING IN PORTUGAL.

PROMPTLY STAMPED OUT.

London, Dec. 16. The Government have promptly stamped out a small rising in four places in the provinces without firing a shot. The ringleaders, Machado and Santos, have been arrested.

Lisbon is undisturbed.

DUTCH STATE LOAN.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 17. The First Chamber has unanimously passed a Bill authorising the issue of a 4 per cent. State loan of 125 million florins.

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER IRISH RAILWAYS.

London, Dec. 17. Threatened strike on Irish railways has been averted through an announcement by Mr. Redmond that the Government had decided to take over the Irish railways similarly to those in great Britain.

LIVERPOOL BOILERMAKERS.

DECIDE TO RESUME WORK.

London, Dec. 16. In response to Mr. Hodges' telegram the Liverpool boilermakers to-day decided to resume work on Monday.

INDIA AND COTTON.

London, Dec. 17. Professor Todd, of Nottingham University, in a paper read to the Society of Arts, on the Cotton Shortage, said that India was the only country from which there was any hope of obtaining an early increase of a million bales yearly of new cotton. There was every reason to believe that India could maintain such an increase cumulatively till the present crop was at least doubled.

PRINCE ALBERT'S BIRTHDAY.

CREATED A K.C.G.

London, Dec. 17. Prince Albert has been created a Knight Companion of the Garter on the occasion of his twenty-first birthday.

NEW PAYMASTER-GENERAL.

London, Dec. 17. The Right Hon. Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett has been appointed Paymaster-General.

DRAFTS ON INDIA.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES SUGGESTED.

London, Dec. 17. The Times states that in view of the recent great demand for drafts on India and in consequence of heavy imports and restricted exports, restriction of the sales of drafts will be felt very severely, and it is feared buyers will offer fancy prices. It is therefore hoped that the India Council will allow a stipulated amount of drafts among the tenders in proportion to their requirements.

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HUNGARY ROBBED OF FOOD.

WIDESPREAD SMUGGLING CONSPIRACY.

The Budapest correspondent of the "Morning Post" wrote on October 28th:—

As only certain quantities of provisions are allowed to pass from Hungary into Austria and Germany, a widespread organization has arisen, the object of which is to elude the vigilance in this respect of the Hungarian authorities. For the last six months an illegal traffic in Hungarian goods has been going on under the very eyes of the Hungarian authorities and with the benevolent connivance of the Austrians and the Germans. The Hungarian Government has, at length, however, begun to move in the matter, and those among the persons implicated who happened to be in Hungary have been placed under arrest.

The chief of the gang was one of the most prominent bankers in Austria, the head of a private banking concern, and a millionaire, who when he was arrested said that he had been influenced not by the desire to make pecuniary gains but to render a service to his fellow-countrymen. It has been discovered, for all that, he bought immense quantities of food-stuffs at much higher prices than those fixed by the Hungarian authorities, and sold them in Vienna, making cent per cent. on the transaction. The chief articles he dealt in were lard and other fats, eggs and poultry. He employed twenty-five agents, who worked under his directions. How they contrived to carry out the scheme for so many months without being detected is told by the Budapest police. The conspirators had an office in Budapest, where they employed skilful forgers to obtain special permits authorizing the export of certain articles. In order to avoid the risk of detection they bribed the official whose duty it was to check these permits at the Ministry, and who naturally did not report the irregularities. The police state that more than 20 million kronen worth of foodstuffs have been smuggled out of the country in this way.

GOVERNMENT CONVIANCE.

The prominent position occupied by the chief confederate suggests that the Austrian Government and frontier officials were cognisant of the fraud. He is well known in Austrian and German official circles, and he has been acting as buyer for the German Zentral Einlauff Gesellschaft, a German official organization for the importation of food.

It may be readily imagined how this fresh revelation is viewed by the public in Hungary, where the need of all the available foodstuffs is so keenly felt.

The political and military exploitation of the Monarchy, and especially of Hungary, does not concern the people half as much as the economic exploitation to which they are being subjected. The Government have their hands tied by agreements with Germany and Austria to allow a certain proportion of the products of Hungary to be exported to the other countries, and both the Hungarian allies are taking advantage of the position thus created, paying not the slightest heed to the utter destruction of the Hungarians themselves. More than ten wagon loads of eggs are being sent off by railway to Germany every week, a quantity which represents practically the entire supply at this season of the year. It is no wonder, therefore, that while the Germans pay threepence for an egg, in Hungary one cannot get one for less than sixpence or sevenpence, and even then one has to scour the whole town to find it.

The feeding of all the German forces engaged in Transylvania and Galicia, as well as to the north as far as the Austrian-Hungarian railway communications, is better than it is in any other part of the theatre of war. To provide the supplies necessary for the Austro-Hungarian, German, and Turkish troops is the task of the Monarchy, and this really means Hungary, which is the only producing part of the Empire worth mentioning.

GERMANY'S DESPERATE POSITION.

Hungary, in fact, has taken on herself such tremendous losses, economic and military, that it is a wonder she has not yet collapsed under the strain. Having regard to the condition of the people of Hungary, which must be well known to the man in power in Berlin, it is impossible not to come to the conclusion that Germany is practically at her wits' end and to find food for her armies and her people. Evidently it is absolutely necessary for Germany to use every possible endeavour to obtain foodstuffs for her armies in order to keep them going, even at the sacrifice of allowing the civilian populations of her allied countries to starve. But for the fact that the Hungarians peasants have been alive to what has been going on, and have stoutly resisted being deprived of their crops, hiding them in cellars and lofts, and resisting the Customs officials in many cases with scythes, and setting dogs on them; the people in the country districts would be even worse off than they are at the present time. The real sufferers are the people in the towns, the working and middle classes, who have to live at best on potatoes and bread month after month, and are happy if they can get even potatoes. It is significant of the state of affairs in Budapest, for instance, that during the last three months more parcels were sent out from the provinces than individuals than from the whole of 1914. These parcels for the most part contain food, the offering of friends and relatives in the country districts who know how badly needed it is in the capital.

THE C.R.C. WINS.

The C.R.C. won by 10 runs, averting their defeat by the same team a few weeks ago.

C.R.C. v. S.A.C. C. R.G.A.

Corpl. Smith, c. Lam, b. Yew, b. Dix, b. Wong, b. Ching, G. Palmer, b. Yew, L. Baker, c. and b. Ng, Sgt. Ric. c. Lee, b. Un, B. Veal, b. Un, G. Page, Un, Gr. Garrad, c. Ching, b. Un, Cpl. Townsend, c. Yew, b. Un, Mr. Gr. Hartie, not out, Gr. Taylor, c. Ching, b. Ng, Extras ...

C.R.C. v. S.A.C. C. R.G.A.

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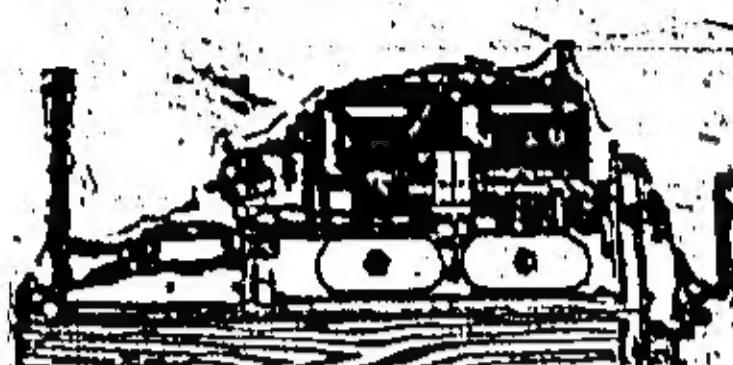
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General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Danish Maru, Japanese str., 1,055,
F. Fukui, Saigon Dec. 8, Rice and Rice-
Meal—M. B. K.

Hsin Fung, Chinese steamer, Hambleton
Shanghai Dec. 14, General—O. S. K.

Kueichow, British str., from Canton

December 19.

Amazon, French str., 8,019, Lancast.
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and General—MITSUKEIEN MARITIME.

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